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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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REFORMS IN FIELD OF EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of recently released concept paper on the implementation of reforms in the field of education in the country by the Ministry of Tourism & culture.

(b) if so, the details of the concept paper; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government on the shortcoming indicated in the paper?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHASNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The views expressed in the concept paper are based on a paper published more than a decade back and hence do not reflect the achievements/educational development in the country since independence. Educational Development is a continuous process and constant efforts have been made to achieve the objectives set out in the National Policy on Education in consultation and collaboration with the State Governments. A number of initiatives have accordingly been taken which include Operation Blackboard, Non-formal Education, Teacher Education, National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education, District Primary Education Programme, MahilaSamakhya, Total Literacy Camapaign, Community Polytechnics, Lok Jumbish, Shiksha Karmi Project, Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities, Integrated Education for Disabled Children, Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools, Environmental Orientation to School Education etc. In higher and technical education sectors, University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have been made responsible for the development of their respective sectors.Similar efforts have also been made in other sectors of education to achieve the national objectives.

Improvement in literacy and school attendance has been significant in the nineties. Efforts to further improve performance include operationalization of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Universalisation of Elementary Education,approval of Education Gurantee Scheme is unserved habitations, revamp of National Literacy Mission, etc.